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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the application filed on 12/31/2003.
2. Claims 1-19 have been examined.

Oath/Declaration

3. The office acknowledges receipt of a properly signed oath/declaration filed on 12/31/2003.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

4. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

5. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter

6. Claim 19 recites "computer-readable medium" defined to include carrier waves (in paragraph [0052]). Thus, under the Interim Guidelines such media do not fall within one of the four statutory classes of 35 U.S.C. 101 (See Annex IV). Therefore, the above claims are non-statutory.

A computer-readable media is a tangible physical article or object, some form of matter, which a signal (infrared)/carrier wave is not. That the other two product classes, machine and composition of matter, require physical matter is evidence that a manufacture was also intended to require physical matter. A signal/carrier wave, a form of energy, does not fall within either of the two definitions of manufacture. Thus, a signal/carrier wave does not fall within one of the four statutory classes of Sec. 101.

See Annex IV (c) Electro-Magnetic Signals, Interim Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications for Patent Subject Matter Eligibility (signed October 26, 2005) – OG Cite: 1300 OG 142. Online version can be retrieved at

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/2005/week47/patgupa.htm>

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Under the principles of compact prosecution, claim 19 have been examined as the Examiner anticipates the claims will be amended to obviate these 35 USC 101 issues. For example, A computer-readable physical storage medium...-

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claims 1-2, 5-6, 8-15 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by kitamura (Domain Name Auto-Registration for Plugged-in Ipv6 Nodes, <http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-dnsext-ipv6-name-auto-reg-00.txt>, dated 12/02/2002).

As per claim 1 (amended), kitamura discloses a method of automatically registering a domain name in a network to which a host belongs, the method comprising: (section 1 “Domain Name Auto-Registration”)

~~(a) receiving name information of a network having a host;~~

~~(b) creating a link local address of the host and determining whether the created link local address has already been used;~~

~~(c) if the created link local address has not been used, extracting an interface ID used to~~

~~determine the host, from the created link local address;~~

~~(d) creating a domain name using the extracted interface ID and the received name information of the network; and~~

~~(e) registering the created domain name in a domain name server.~~

(a) creating a link local address of the host and extracting from the link local address an interface ID that is used to identify the host from other hosts if the created link local address is not in use; and (section 4, page 15 “link-local address” and “DAD” procedure and e.g. Fig. 3 on page 14, steps a-g and related text)

(b) creating a domain name using the interface ID and name information of the network to which the host belongs and registering the domain name in a domain name server (section 1, page 2 IP address information that should be registered to the DNS and section 5, page 16)

As per claim 2(amended), kitamura discloses the method of claim 1, further comprising:

~~(f) receiving the created domain name through a message; and~~

~~(g) if the created domain name is already present in the domain name server, notifying the host of a presence of the created domain name so that a new domain name is created, wherein the creating the domain name comprises; transmitting to the domain name server the created domain name with a predetermined first message (section 2, page 4 “DNS server receives dynamic updates messages ...” and Fig. 3 on page 14 steps o-r and related text); and~~

generating a new domain name if the domain name has already been in the domain name server and a predetermined second message indicating the presence of the domain name in the domain name server is received (section 4, page 15 starts preparing “domain name”).

As per claim 5 (amended), kitamura discloses the method of claim 1, wherein the name information of the network corresponds to a suffix of the domain name of the network ~~having the host=~~, to which the host belongs (section 3.2 “location of DNS server”).

As per claim 6 (amended), kitamura discloses the method of claim 5, wherein in step--,

"interface ID.suffix" is created as the domain name, wherein "interface ID" corresponds to the extracted interface ID (section 3.2 "ID information").

As per claim 8 (amended), kitamura discloses the method of claim 1, wherein in ~~step (b)~~, in the creating of the link local address of the host and extracting the interface ID, it is determined whether the created link local address has already been used using duplicate address detection (DAD) (section 5, "DAD packets" and e.g. Fig. 3 on page 14 plugged-in Ipv6 node steps a, b, f and g for DAD messages and related text).

As per claim 9 (amended), kitamura discloses the method of claim 1, wherein in ~~step (b)~~, in the creating of the link local address of the host and extracting the interface ID, a lower 64 bits of the created link local address, except for its prefix, is extracted as the interface ID (section 3.2 "ID information").

As per claim 10 (original), kitamura discloses the method of claim 1, wherein the host is an IPv6 host (e.g. Fig. 2, Ipv6 and related text).

As per claim 11 (amended), kitamura discloses a system of automatically registering a domain name, the system comprising:

a host, which receives name information of a network to which the host belongs, creates a domain name using an interface ID that is used to identify the host from other hosts and the name information of the network, and outputs the created domain name (section 4, page 15 "link-local address" and "DAD" procedure and e.g. Fig. 3 and related text); and

an auto-registration server, which transmits the name information of the network to the host, receives the created domain name, and registers the created domain name in a domain name server (section 1, page 2 IP address information that should be registered to the DNS and section 5, page 16).

As per claim 12 (amended), kitamura discloses the system of claim 11, wherein the host comprises: a link local address creating unit, which creates a link local address of the host. (section 1, page 2 IP address information that should be registered to the DNS and section 5, page 16)

an interface ID extracting unit, which receives the created link local address and extracts an interface ID from the received link local address (section 4, page 15 “link-local address” and “DAD” procedure and e.g. Fig. 3 and related text); and

a domain name creating unit, which creates a domain name using the extracted interface ID (section 4, page 15 starts preparing “domain name”).

As per claim 13 (amended), kitamura discloses the system of claim 12, wherein the link local address creating unit creates the link local address of the host, determines whether the created link local address is ~~already present in the domain name server~~ in use using duplicate address detection (DAD), and ~~if the created link local address is already present in the domain name server, creates a new link local address~~ if the created link local address is in use (section 4, page 15 “link-local address” and “DAD” procedure and e.g. Fig. 3 and related text)

As per claim 14 (original), kitamura discloses the system of claim 12, wherein the interface ID extracting unit extracts the lower 64 bits of the created link local address, except for a prefix, as the interface ID (section 3.2 “ID information”).

As per claim 15 (amended), kitamura discloses the system of claim 11, wherein the auto-registration server comprises:

a network name information transmitting unit, which transmits the name information of the network to the host (section 3.2 “ID information”);

a domain name managing unit, which receives the domain name, registers the received domain name in a domain name server, and if the received domain name is already present in the domain name server, notifies the host that the received domain name is already present in the domain name server (section 1, page 2 IP address information that should be registered to the DNS and section 5, page 16); and

a domain name information storing unit, which stores the registered domain name information for .a predetermined amount of time (e.g. Fig. 3 and related text).

As per claim 18 (original), kitamura discloses the system of claim 11, wherein the host is an IPv6 host (e.g. Fig. 2, Ipv6 and related text).

As per claim 19 (amended), this is the computer readable recording medium version of the claimed method discussed above (Claim 1), wherein all claim limitations have been addressed and/or covered in cited areas as set forth above. Thus, accordingly, these claims are also anticipated by kitamura.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 3-4, 7 and 16-17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over kitamura (Domain Name Auto-Registration for Plugged-in Ipv6 Nodes, <http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-dnsext-ipv6-name-auto-reg-00.txt>, dated 12/02/2002) in view of Borella (US 2003/0029697).

As per claims 3 and 17 (amended), kitamura does not explicitly disclose wherein ~~in step (f), the created domain name is received through a neighbor solicitation (N8) message,~~ the created domain name is transmitted to the domain name server with a neighbor solicitation (NS) message. However Borella teaches solicitation message onto the LAN 150 that will be received by the foreign agent 140 which is gateway router (paragraph [0030]). Therefore it would have

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been obvious to one skilled in the art to combine --- and Borella to indicate that the subnet is on a foreign subnet and to dynamically change its network connectivity in a manner that is transparent to layers above IP and the user as once suggested by Borella (paragraph [0027] and [0030]).

As per claims 4, 7 and 16 (amended), Kitamura does not explicitly disclose wherein in step (g), ~~if the created domain name is already present in the domain name server, the presence of the created domain name is recorded to a neighbor advertisement (NA) message, and the NA message is transmitted to the host to control the host to create a new domain name.~~ the predetermined second message indicating the presence of the domain name is received from the domain name server with a neighbor advertisement (NA) message. However, Borella teaches periodically transmitting agent solicitation message on the subnet to which it is coupled and listens for an agent "advertisement message" from gateway routers. Therefore it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to combine --- and Borella to indicate that the subnet is on a foreign subnet and to dynamically change its network connectivity in a manner that is transparent to layers above IP and the user as once suggested by Borella (paragraph [0027] and [0030]).

Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isaac T. Tecklu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7957. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 9:30A - 8:00P.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam can be reached on (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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